TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS
MID PLAN REVIEW

The Committee to End Homelessness is conducting a Mid-Plan Review. The review consists of two primary efforts. The first will be a background report setting forth the original goals of the Ten Year Plan, what has been accomplished, what gaps remain and what are some of the agreed strategies we will be pursuing in the second five years of the Plan (e.g. the Homeless Families Initiatives and the Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness).

The second part of the Mid-Plan Review will be a very condensed, intense community discussion of six major issues that we are still debating. Each topic will have a two-hour panel discussion conducted over two days (April 25 and 26 at the Tukwila Community Center). Each panel will begin with discussion and suggestions from a group of national and local experts, the topic will then be opened for input from the public. At the end, the recommendations will be compiled by staff from the Corporation for Public Housing, which is facilitating the process. There will be additional public review of the process on Thursday, April 28, and a final report will be submitted to the Interagency Council on May 2 and the Governing Board May 26. Any member of the Suburban Cities Associations is welcome to attend and provide input at one or all of the charrette panels as well as at the Thursday recommendations review.

The six charrette topics are listed below. Embedded in each topic are the overarching issues of access by people of color and diversity of response based on urban, suburban and rural needs.

1. Emergency Housing – How do we make emergency shelter a pathway to housing? Possible additional issues include coordinated entry, reducing shelter stays, targeted assistance for long-term shelter stayers, etc. There is also the perennial question of how to balance the need for shelter tonight with a long term focus on getting people into permanent housing. What are effective strategies for unsheltered people?

2. What Does Success Look Like? – How do we measure progress and hold the system accountable? Can performance measures provide incentives to help people move out of shelters / off subsidies.

3. Homeless Young Adults – What does a best practices system look like for young adults? What is our "outcome" goal for young adults? What is the role of a local homeless program with respect to under 18 youth? How does that population fit in our system.

4. Immigrants and Refugees in the homeless system – Propose looking at the homeless system in context of the mainstream Immigrant and Refugee system to see how the homeless system resources are best accessed and employed, and whether there are ways to partner so that homeless system does not become a "de facto" parallel immigrant and refugee system.

5. Systems-Level Prevention – Discussion among policy representatives of systems and institutions that contribute to homelessness, knowingly (because there aren't enough resources) or unknowingly (because it isn't a part of the culture of that agency.) to create a framework of shared responsibility where roles are clear. The discussion

would go beyond actions the homeless system is taking to respond to the institutional circuit of jails, hospitals, shelters and engage multiple mainstream agencies (such as workforce, A&D, child welfare, etc.) to discuss the importance of housing as part of their work and not rely on the homeless system as the answer.

6. Political Will – Discussion of the "big picture" about what the Committee to End Homelessness, its members and supports can and cannot do to create and maintain political will outside our membership in support of ending homelessness. How do CEH and partners keep the work alive for the next 5-6 years? What is realistic? Is it still a plan to end all homelessness by 2015? How do we engage leaders and will at all levels, including the broader community? Are there different steps that CEH can take to create increased will at the State and Federal levels? These and all the other questions that come up about the will to end homelessness.

The panel schedule is as follows:

Monday		Tuesday	
Time	Task	Time	Task
8:00 AM	Set up	8:00 AM	Travel to site
8:30 AM	Welcome	8:30 AM	Set up
9:00 AM	Performance Measures and Accountability at All Levels	9:00 AM	Welcome
9:30 AM		9:30 AM	Emergency Housing for Homeless Single Adults
10:00 AM		10:00 AM	
10:30 AM		10:30 AM	
11:00 AM	Working Lunch*	11:00 AM	
11:30 AM	Homeless youth and young adults	11:30 AM	Working Lunch*
12:00 PM		12:00 PM	Political Will
12:30 PM		12:30 PM	
1:00 PM		1:00 PM	
1:30 PM	Break*	1:30 PM	
2:00 PM	Systems Level Prevention	2:00 PM	Break*
2:30 PM		2:30 PM	Immigrant and Refugee Communities
3:00 PM		3:00 PM	
3:30 PM		3:30 PM	
4:00 PM	Travel to hotel	4:00 PM	
4:30 PM		4:30 PM	Travel to hotel
5:00 PM	Dinner and de-brief*	5:00 PM	
5:30 PM		5:30 PM	Dinner and de-brief*
6:00 PM		6:00 PM	
6:30 PM		6:30 PM	
7:00 PM		7:00 PM	

*For experts and staff